

Personal Dot-ie Domains
FAQ

Q: Under the Personal Domain Name (PDN) category, what types of .ie domain names can registrants apply for?

Ans: An applicant named 'John Paul Smith' can register the following alternatives:

- Johnsmith.ie [first name / surname]
- Johnpaulsmith.ie [first name / middlename / surname]
- John-smith.ie [first name / hyphen / surname]
- John-paul-smith.ie [first name / hyphen / middlename / hyphen / surname]
- Johnpsmith.ie [first name / middle initial / surname]
- John-p-smith.ie [first name / hyphen / middle initial / hyphen / surname]
- Jsmith.ie [first initial / surname]
- Jpsmith.ie [first initial / middle initial / surname]
- Jp-smith.ie [first initial / middle initial / hyphen / surname]
- J-smith.ie [first initial / hyphen / surname]
- J-p-smith.ie [first initial / hyphen / middle initial / hyphen / surname]
- Paulsmith.ie [middle name / surname]
- Paul-smith.ie [middle name / hyphen / surname]
- Psmith.ie [middle initial / surname]
- P-smith.ie [middle initial / hyphen / surname]

Q: What documentation will be required to authenticate a registrant's claim to the domain name?

Ans: To obtain a Personal Domain Name (PDN), applicants will need to supply any one of the following documents. The name in the document supplied must match exactly the domain name applied for eg a document showing Mr. John Smith is not acceptable if the domain name required is johnnysmith.ie

Irish applicants:-

- Irish passport
- Irish driver's licence
- Irish revenue / social welfare document showing PPS number
- Irish birth certificate
- Irish marriage certificate
- Irish utility bill (e.g: *NTL, Chorus, SKY / ESB, Airtricity / Bord Gais / Eircom / Vodafone, O2, Meteor, 3 - bill pay phones only*).

Northern Ireland applicants:-

- UK driver's licence with Northern Ireland address.
- HM Revenue & Customs / Northern Ireland Social Security Agency document showing National Insurance number
- Northern Ireland birth certificate
- Northern Ireland marriage certificate
- Northern Ireland utility bill (e.g: *NTL, Chorus, SKY, UTV Internet / NIE, Airtricity / British Gas / BT / Vodafone, O2, 3, T-Mobile, Orange, BT - bill pay phones only*).

Q: Will applicants under the Personal Domain Name (PDN) category be able to register nicknames or add words to their name?

Ans: No. Under the Personal Domain Name (PDN) category applicants will only be able to register the pre-defined variations of their name, and it must match exactly the name which appears on the documentation provided to support their application.

Q: How does the registry plan to notify potential registrants under other existing categories (such as the Politician Name and Personal Trading Name category) prior to the 'Personal Names' category amendment going live?

Ans: The registry will contact all relevant representative bodies early in the 7 week notification period (e.g: IBEC, ISME, Political Parties, Patent Attorneys, Professional bodies etc.) to inform them of the policy amendment in advance of the change being implemented and to provide them with sufficient time to allow their members / clients to protect their names.

Q: Will the price of a dot-ie Personal Domain Name (PDN) registration differ from other dot-ie domain name registrations?

Ans: Prices charged by IEDR's resellers vary significantly. Registrants are advised to shop around to find the reseller with the most suitable combination of price, service and support. A full list of the IEDR's resellers can be accessed on the company's web site at www.iedr.ie/resellers. Personal Domain Names (PDNs) will vary in price amongst dot-ie resellers, and no doubt some resellers will be offering personal domain names as part of a bundled offer.

In the unlikely event that an individual wants to register directly with the IEDR then the Personal Domain Names (PDN) will be priced at €69.00 plus VAT, per annum, which is the same as all other categories of .ie domain registrations and renewals. The IEDR strongly recommends that registrants deal with its approved resellers.

Q: Can an individual register more than one Personal Domain Name (PDN)?

Ans: Individuals are permitted to register any number of personal domain names provided they satisfy the necessary requirements for registration,

Q: What signs, symbols or numbers can be used in a Personal Domain Name (PDN)?

Ans: Only hyphens are permitted in domain names. It is NOT possible to register a domain name with an apostrophe such as johno'brien.ie.

Q: Is it possible to register a second level domain name, e.g. johnsmith.name.ie ?

Ans: No, second level domain names will not be available for registration. Dot-ie domain name are only available at the top-level.

Q: What if there are many applications for the same .ie name?

Ans: The registry will only accept applications from the first applicant. Where the domain already exists, or where an application has already been received the registry systems will not accept applications from the second or later applicants. Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis after the launch date and names cannot be reserved or booked in advance. Applications will be electronically time-stamped for future inspection or verification if required. Applicants will have 30 calendar days, from the date of application to provide the required documentation. After this time the application will lapse, and will be deleted from the system.

Applicants who were not first in the queue may refer to the registry's whois lookup service (www.iedr.ie) to see if the domain name required subsequently becomes available.

Q: Why would individuals be interested in registering a personal domain name?

Ans: Having a dot-ie internet address tells the world that the person is located in Ireland, or has a connection to Ireland. Hence there is an element of individualisation or personalisation in having a local Internet address, rather than an anonymous .com address. Individuals may also be interested in:

- having a personal Internet address or personal web site
 - having a personalised e-mail address
 - having a personal blog presence on the Internet
 - protecting their name on the Internet
 - preserving their name for children or grandchildren
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